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MICHIGAN LAW MAKERS

ALL HANDS READY FOR BUSINESS.

Belknap Will Preside Over the Senate and Clark Over the House—Other Appointments.

LANSING, Jan. 7.—The law making mill has commenced to grind its biennial grist and Lansing is crowded as usual with politicians. Many speculations have already been made as to the probable length of the session and the guessers place the duration all the way from three to six months. The fact that there is a large number of new members will have a tendency to prolong the session as it will take them some time to become properly disciplined for their work, and many of them are doubtless loaded with schemes for improving the State or themselves and friends, as the case may be. The Senate Republican caucus nominated the following persons for the various official positions:

President Pro Tem—Senator Belknap of Greenville.
Secretary—Lewis M. Miller of Macomb.
Assistant Secretary—John D. Sumner of Kalamazoo.
Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk—Frank M. Howe of Gaylord.
Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk—Mrs. I. R. Jamison of Lansing.
Sergeant-at-Arms—P. O. Stover of Menominee.
First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—W. W. Williams of Eaton Rapids.
Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Daniel G. Crotty of Muskegon.
Postmaster—Mrs. Josephine Robinson of Lansing.
Assistant Postmaster—George A. Smith of Grand Rapids.

Committee-room Janitor—Vicenzo A. Hockley of Detroit.
The House caucused nominated as follows:
Speaker—Newcomb Clark, of Bay.
Speaker pro tem.—L. M. Sellers, of Kent.
Clerk—Daniel L. Crossman.
Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk—Will M. Hannan, of Wayne.
Assistant Enrolling and Enrolling Clerk—Carus E. Triplett, of Lenawee.
Sergeant-at-Arms—W. H. Dunn, of Oceana.
Postmaster—Mrs. Josephine Robinson, of Ingham.

James A. McNamara, defeated Fusion candidate for Senator from the Alpena district, is here to contest the election of his successful opponent, Charles P. Henry. He claims that Henry was Prosecuting Attorney on the day of election, but the Republicans claim that McNamara was deputy county clerk on that day and ineligible himself. They assert that McNamara, as county clerk, signed the certificate of election of Representative Case, of Alpena, on Nov. 19.

In the House.
At twelve o'clock noon Daniel L. Crossman called the House to order, and after prayer by Rev. Dr. Jameson, proceeded to call the roll of members. Mr. Phelps, of Ontonagon, was the only absentee. The members were then sworn in by Clerk Crossman in detachments. When Bay County was called Mr. Case, of Detroit, presented the protest of Levi Willard against Mr. Clark taking his seat, which was accepted.

Mr. Hampton, of Harbor Springs, presented protests against Joseph Manwaring, of Lapeer, and Daniel P. Markey, of Iosco, taking seats as members, on the ground that they held federal and county offices on the day of election.

The House then adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

In the Senate.
The Senate was called to order by E. S. Hawkins, Secretary of the last Senate, at noon. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Lansing, a retired Methodist minister.

The Senators were sworn in by President Butters, four at a time.
The roll was called and all were found to be present.

The Republican caucus nominees were elected by a strict party vote of 18 to 15, with the exception of assistant enrolling clerk, for which Mrs. J. R. Jamison received the Democratic votes.

The postmaster question being in a sort of a deadlock, the nomination of Mrs. Robinson was withdrawn, to come up as a concurrent resolution in connection with assistant and a messenger.

The Senate then adjourned till 3 p. m.

Defying Law.

New Straitsville, O., Jan. 7.—The wild and excitement prevails to-night. About dusk two men surveying in the employ of a coal syndicate were accosted by citizens carrying concealed weapons. The sheriff attempted to arrest one who drew a revolver and fired, slightly wounding the sheriff. Another man was given ten minutes to leave the village. O'Donnell, the man charged with having a large quantity of fire arms in his possession, returned here to-day. He says he has more arms ordered and defies the law to prevent his receiving them. Public feeling is desperate.

Sullivan Will Box Ryan.

New York, Jan. 7.—All arrangements were completed to-day for the glove contest between Sullivan and Paddy Ryan, ex-champion. They have decided to box four rounds, Marquis of Queensberry rules, in Madison Square Garden, on the 10th inst., the winner to receive sixty-five and loser thirty-five per cent of the gate receipts.

An Embezzler Confesses.

Boston, Jan. 7.—A shortage of \$12,000 has been discovered in the accounts of Alfred H. Oliver, who, for eleven years served as receiving cashier in the Treasurer's office of the Eastern Railroad. Oliver confessed to having embezzled the money and will be arraigned to-morrow.

The Colorado Legislature.

Denver, Col., Jan. 7.—The Legislature met at noon. The Senate elected James Moynahan President pro tem. The House elected M. B. Stuart speaker. Nothing but routine business was transacted.

Over the Loss of Children.

New York, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Augustus Daly is reported to be dying from prostration caused by the sudden death of her two sons.

Off for Corea.

Hong Kong, Jan. 7.—It is learned that a detachment of Japanese troops has been dispatched to Corea.

Geneva Shaken Up.

Geneva, Jan. 7.—Several shocks of earth quake were felt here to-day.

A FATAL QUARREL.

A Man Chokes His Wife and is Shot Dead.

BATH, Me., Jan. 7.—Three years ago Arnold C. Stacy, an enterprising young man, bought the famous mineral spring here, and spent much money in improvements. A year ago, becoming embarrassed, he transferred the property to his wife. On clearing off the indebtedness, he asked her to deed the property back, which she refused to do. At supper to-night Stacy insisted that the transfer be made at once, using, as Mrs. Stacy allured, threatening language. Fearing violence she arose and went into the pantry. He pursued her and gashed her throat, whereupon she seized a revolver from a drawer. He grasped the barrel and the weapon was discharged, the ball entering Stacy's head and killing him instantly. The police were notified and an officer was placed in the house to guard Mrs. Stacy until the coroner's inquest is held to-morrow. Stacy was 33 years of age and the father of several children.

WEST AFRICAN CONFERENCE.

Kasson Explains the Object of the American Proposal.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—The West African Conference agreed upon the proposal adopted in committee, but no part of the guaranteed territory be allowed to be used as a market or means of communication for slave trade. It is estimated that the railway from Vivi to Stanley Pool, proposed by General Sandford, American delegate, would cost \$1,500,000. Minister Kasson explains that the object of the American proposal for the neutrality of Congo is purely practical, and is in no way based on sentimental theory. It is regarded by the American delegates as the only means of securing the inviolability of future commerce with the Congo regions. Stanley was tendered a grand banquet by the merchants of Congo. Six hundred guests were present. Stanley, in responding to the toast of the evening, dilated upon the great future in store for the Congo country, but skillfully avoided expression of opinion upon the political questions at issue.

Effects of Sad News.

New York, Jan. 7.—Amelia Schafer, a young German girl living near New Durham, received a letter on New Year's eve, informing her that her betrothed lover had been killed by an explosion in a mine. She turned pale and retired to bed. The next morning her mother found her stretched on the bed, her limbs flexible and the body warm, but otherwise presenting all the appearance of death. Efforts to arouse her have since proved futile. Her eyes remain staring wide open and the flesh has a blue-white tinge. Physicians pronounce it a case of catalepsy, and expect a recovery.

A Mexican Lion Loose.

VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 7.—A Mexican lion is roaming the woods in the neighborhood of Hazelton, 10 miles south of here, and is causing alarm among the residents. Over 1,000 men are scouring the country. It is thought to be the animal that escaped from Howe's circus at Allendale, Ill., last summer, and it is supposed that during the recent cold weather it crossed the Wabash and White rivers on the ice.

Accident on the Journey.

ARKANSAS CITY, Ark., Jan. 7.—Most of the passengers on the steamer Belle of Shreveport, which was sunk near Island Sixty-six yesterday, were exhibition visitors. Part of the freight was twenty-five head of race horses and eleven Jersey cows intended for the exposition. The value of the boat was \$15,000; of cargo \$12,000. The passengers have proceeded.

Reducing the Wages.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7.—Oliver Bros. & Phillips, iron manufacturers, controlling four mills, have ordered a reduction of 10 to 12½ per cent in the wages of all the employees, except those governed by yearly contracts. The reduction will affect between 3,000 and 4,000 men.

A Permanent World's Exhibition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Secretary of State has received information of the formation of a Mexican company which has entered into a contract with the Mexican government for the establishment of a permanent world's exhibition in the City of Mexico for the exhibition of all products of foreign industry.

Firms Will Fail.

New York, Jan. 7.—Thomas Watson & Co., proprietors of the Crescent Iron Works, Pomeroy, O., made an assignment to-day. Liabilities about \$55,000; nominal assets \$20,000.

Texas Finally Heard From.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The electoral vote of Texas was received to-day. This completes the list. Chief Justice Waite's health continues to improve.

Drowned Through the Ice.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 7.—A 5-year-old son of L. H. Briggs, of the State land office, broke through the ice on the river this morning and was drowned.

Vengeance in Their Eye.

ROME, Jan. 7.—A battalion of Italian troops has been ordered to proceed to Assisi to avenge the murder of the Italian explorers in that vicinity.

Sergeant Holtzworth Discharged.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Sergeant Holtzworth, who killed Lieutenant Greely's private papers, has been dismissed.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The glass trade is improving and values are hardening.

The mills of Brown, Bonnell & Co., at Youngstown, will start up soon in all departments.

Cotton-mill proprietors at Baltimore feel buoyant over future prospects, and all factories will soon be in full operation. At Manchester (Eng.) the demand has not improved, but the market rules strong at advanced prices.

The Illinois Railroad Commissioners have sent a communication to the Illinois railroad ordering a reduction in rates on liquidating material. The Lake Shore and Michigan Central announce an open rate of \$10 from Chicago to Boston.

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WASHINGTON MATTERS.

LAWS IN RELATION TO REVENUE.

Establishment of a Gun Foundry—Discussing the Regan Bill—Senate Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Plumb presented a memorial from the Oklahoma settlers, complaining of their expulsions by the army of the United States, and asserting that this action was taken in the interest of a cattle syndicate who had illegally fenced in these lands and were using them.

The House joint resolution appropriating \$30,000 for the destitute Montana Indians passed.

Mr. Morrill called up his resolution declaring that the constitution conferred upon the Legislature, sitting with open doors, the sole power of regulating laws in relation to revenue, and that so-called reciprocity treaties with nations of inferior population, involving a large surrender of revenues, were entirely and should be regarded with disfavor. He regretted the continuance of the custom which enforced on Senators alone the discussion of great public questions with padlocked lips, and that he must confine his present remarks to the general question of reciprocity treaties without entering into details of the specific treaties now pending before the Senate. He contended that when the constitution conferred upon one branch of the Government exclusive powers, the assumption of those powers by another branch of the Government was rank usurpation.

The President, with the consent of two-thirds of the Senate, could make treaties, but he had no power to regulate commerce with foreign nations or to abridge the public revenue. The supposition that the President could constitutionally exercise such powers if two-thirds of the Senate subsequently assented thereto, was simply "whipping his satanic majesty around the stump." He quoted from the speech delivered by him in opposition to the Mexican reciprocity treaty, which the Senate had given him leave to make public. The points he then urged he, by in direction, applied to the pending treaties, regarding them as "illegitimate revenue bills," "graceless bantlings left at the door of Congress," and of which Congress was expected, by subsequent legislation, untruthfully to assume the legislative fatherhood. It was only by secrecy, before as well as during legislation, that such treaties could be engendered.

In the House.

The chair laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the Navy recommending an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the establishment of a gun foundry and the purchase of steel in accordance with the recommendation of the Gun Foundry Board.

On a demand for the regular order the Regan Inter-State Commerce bill came up as the unfinished business, the pending question being the motion of Mr. O'Neill of Pennsylvania to strike out the section under consideration—the fourth—relating to long and short hauls. Mr. Horr (Mich.) argued that this section would have only the effect to increase the cost of transportation of the great products of the West and reduce the price of land everywhere, making foreign competition on grain to the seaboard possible. No bill that could be passed would prove so disastrous to the commercial interests of the country.

Mr. Morrill observed that it was said we must do something to build up our foreign commerce. To this he agreed. But to do this it was strangely proposed to surrender much more of our markets at home than we were offered from abroad. He favored steamship subsidies and other encouragement to American shipping and an extended and improved consular service as any so-called reciprocity treaty. He characterized the reciprocity proposed as the exchange of the American Lexington or Jay-Eye-See for a Mexican Mustang or stump-tail mule.

Internal Commerce Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Nimmo, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, in his annual report on internal commerce, says the average rate of freight charged on railroads in the United States during the year 1884 is less than half the average rate charged in 1883; that consequently there was an enormous increase in the volume of traffic. Nimmo discusses the subject of pooling very fully.

In speaking of the discriminations which such contests engendered, as between shippers and rival cities, he says: "Falseness and deception were the rule, and fair dealing the exception. This state of affairs was utterly demoralizing to trade, for it was in contradiction of the great fundamental law of commercial ethics. That in competition and struggles of life, men should be permitted to live and labor in an open field and in a pure atmosphere." He does not assume that no better expedient than pooling can be adopted for the protection of the commercial, industrial and transportation interests of the country against destructive and demoralizing effects of wars of rates, but that there are at the present time, no known expedient that seems to be available for accomplishing that purpose. He hints, however, that it is easier to regulate the great pools than to regulate roads separately.

Houseman's Help for Harbors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Mr. Houseman arrived here last night from home. He says that while in Grand Rapids he received several letters of petition with reference to additional harbor improvements needed. Accordingly he will endeavor to have the amount recommended for Sand Beach raised from \$25,000 to \$50,000. He will also make an effort to secure more money for Portage Lake harbor of refuge, for which the committee has allowed \$7,000. Mr. Houseman hopes to make it \$20,000.

Confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Senate in executive session to-day, among others, confirmed the following nominations: Jas. Monroe, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Michigan; Jacob S. Boreman, to be Associate of the Supreme Court of Utah; and Charles C. Waters, to be United States Attorney for the eastern district of Arkansas.

The President's Reception.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The President will give formal receptions at the executive mansion, as follows: Jan. 13, Diplomatic corps; Jan. 20, Congress and Judiciary; Jan. 27, Army and Navy and Marine corps. The public reception will probably be given in February.

Maritime Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—In reply to an inquiry, the Secretary of the Interior to-day stated that there are now 40,000 Mexicans in the United States. They have 207 churches with a seating capacity of 50,000.

LAND TITLES.

Michigan Men Want a Change of Program.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Willard Barnhardt and D. M. Benjamin, Grand Rapids, and Charles Hills, of Muskegon, are among late arrivals. They are here to urge the Secretary of the Interior to modify his recent decision regarding the validity of a certain class of land entries. The law requires that all land owned by the government shall be opened up and placed on the market in a certain form, after advertising, etc. The Secretary's decision renders invalid all land acquired, except in the regular way. The above gentlemen find that a title they have held for property for the past twenty years is made worthless unless the Secretary can be induced to modify his ruling.

PARNELL INTERVIEWED.

Claims it is Not True that His Party Wishes to Dictate Constituencies.

DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—Parnell in an interview to-day said it was his opinion that Organ's withdrawal from the contest in Tipperary has averted a split in the Parliamentary party, which would have seriously weakened its power. It was not true that the party wished to dictate constituencies, but he thought that after four years of toil for the cause it deserved to be allowed to advise constituencies otherwise he would retire from what would in that case be hopeless labor. If discussions were strongly suppressed the party would in a few years obtain justice for both farmers and laborers, secure the expulsion of caste tyrants and witness the establishment of an Irish Parliament in Dublin.

Cheering to Pittsburgh Puddlers.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7.—It is currently reported to-night that Carnegie Bros. & Co. intend firing up their large blast furnaces at Edgar Thompson's steel works plant in a few days, for the purpose of manufacturing iron from the enormous stock of mill cinder, which has accumulated at their works. This will furnish employment to about fifteen hundred men.

Terra Firma Still Unfirms.

MADRID, Jan. 7.—Earthquake shocks were felt here to-day and at Loja and other places in Granada.

U. B. A.'s Acknowledgments.

Mrs. Wilmarth, secretary of the U. B. A., gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following donations since December 10: Cash—Mrs. F. Delano Stevens, \$20; Miss Grace Delano, \$20; Miss Elizabeth Delano, \$10; "D. W.," \$20; "Saxon," \$10; U. W. Batis & Co., \$5; Miss Carpenter, \$1; a defunct social club, \$9. Poultry and meats—A. B. Wykes, Henick & Randall, Martin & Parker, Mrs. S. L. Wilbur, Mrs. H. Adie, Mr. J. B. Wilbur, new goods, Cooper Bros., Mr. M. Ball, Mrs. George Long, Mr. Brown, Universalist Church society, Mrs. D. Hazlewood, a friend. Miscellaneous—Mrs. Mattie Dole, one cloak; Mr. G. Gould, one dozen brushes; Foster & Stevens, bill of goods; John Benjamin, new goods; Cooper Bros., candy; Mrs. J. H. Morgan, books; Mr. M. Ball, \$2 in milk tickets; Congregational society, flowers for the sick. Second-hand garments—Mrs. K. E. Watson, Mrs. W. Cole, Mrs. George Long, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Frank Graves, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. M. P. Brown, Dr. Van Boer, Mrs. Campin, a friend, Mrs. Klienhaus, Mr. C. H. Gleason, Congregational society.

Deep Snow in Northern Michigan.

Hon. E. O. Rose reports that snow is about two and a half feet deep at Mancelona and other points northward along the Grand Rapids & Indiana road; that the Straits of Mackinaw are frozen over and a team crossed on the ice last Monday for the first time this winter. The steam ferry Algoma is disabled and laid up for repairs to her machinery.

TRADE AND FINANCE.

OFFICE OF F. V. TAYLOR, Sweet's Hotel, GRAND RAPIDS, JAN. 7, 1885.

Cables to-day quoted easier foreign markets on wheat and corn. Yesterday sales of wheat for export were twenty boat loads. Actual shipments from three seaboard points in wheat and flour foot up about 300,000 bu. wheat, Chicago receipts to-day were 100,000 bu. wheat, 22 cars corn, 46 cars oats, 42,000 bush. The feature of Chicago markets was the strength in provisions and the weakness in wheat. Wheat opened at about the closing figures of yesterday, and after advancing to, became weak-kneed for offerings, and untruthful rumors of failure, and declined 2c from the highest point of the day, closing near lowest figures.

| Wheat— | Open. | High. | Low. | Closed. |
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| January | 79 1/2 | 79 3/4 | 79 1/4 | 79 1/2 |
| February | 79 1/2 | 80 1/4 | 78 3/4 | 79 1/2 |
| May | 85 1/2 | 86 1/4 | 84 3/4 | 84 3/4 |
| Corn— | | | | |
| January | 35 1/4 | 36 1/4 | 35 1/4 | 36 |
| May | 39 1/4 | 40 1/4 | 39 1/4 | 40 |
| Oats— | | | | |
| May | 29 1/2 | 30 | 29 1/2 | 29 1/2 |
| Pork— | | | | |
| March | \$12 15 | \$12 50 | \$12 15 | \$12 42 1/2 |
| Lard— | | | | |
| March | \$7 00 | \$7 07 1/2 | \$7 00 | \$7 05 |